

REMARKS

Drawings

Applicant notes that the drawings are acceptable for examination purposes and will submit formal drawings when the application is allowed.

Specification

Applicant has updated and corrected the continuation data on page 1.

Claims Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Talish et al, U.S. Pat. No. 6,432,070, in view of Peterson et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,126,619 and Winder et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,520,612. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 18 to state that the use of ultrasonic energy in the invention is used for increasing the blood flow of the individual upon which the invention is used. Talish is described specifically for treatment of reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD). There is no suggestion or teaching to Talish to treat any ailment other than RSD. Similarly, Winder only discusses use of the disclosed device for treatment of bone fractures. As such, it would not have been obvious to modify Talish with Winder as a device to increase the blood flow of the individual, since neither taught such a use. Further, there is no teaching in either Talish or Peterson to modify the operating parameters of Talish to arrive at the invention of the current application. Accordingly, Applicant believes independent claims 1 and 18, as currently clarified, contain patentable subject matter. Applicant requests claims 1 and 18, as well as dependent claims 2-17 and 19-27, be passed to allowance.

Applicant has also added new claim 28 to further clarify the patentable subject matter of the present invention. Claim 28 states that the system for applying ultrasound energy to increase blood flow is a portable apparatus. Such a device, as specified by the claim elements, is not shown in the prior art and is not an obvious combination of the prior art. Applicant requests new claim 28 to be passed to allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant notes that the Information Disclosure Statement mailed by application on 27 May 2003 has not been acknowledged by the Examiner. A photocopy of the Information Disclosure Statement, as well as the return acknowledgment post card, confirming that the Patent Office mail room received these documents, is attached.

A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted with this Amendment

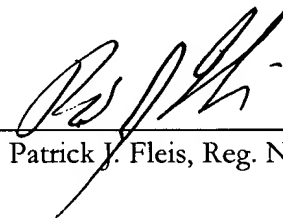
Conclusion

Applicant notes the other prior art replied upon by the Examiner. Applicant also notes that the Examiner is correct in presuming that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made.

Applicant requests that currently amended claims 1 and 18, original claims 2-17 and 19-27, and new claim 28 be passed to allowance. No new matter has been added to the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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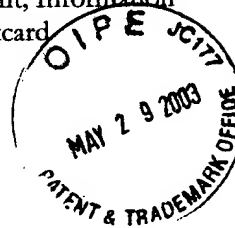
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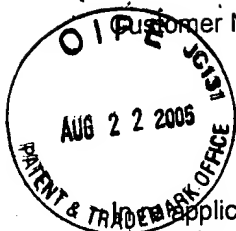
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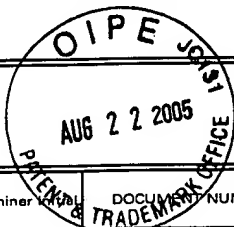
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	DOCUMENT NUMBER	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
	5,698,531	12/16/97	Nabel et al.			
	6,254,573	7/3/01	Haim et al.			
	6,261,537	7/17/01	Klaveness et al.			
	5,520,612	5/28/96	Winder et al.			
	5,556,372	9/17/96	Talish et al.			
	6,126,619	10/03/00	Peterson et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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